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J. WALTER WOOD, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10/1/02 – 9/30/03

Dear Governor Riley:

The Department of Youth Services is pleased to present you its 2003 Annual Report. During FY 2003 DYS reached several important milestones including our first 100% property accountability report from the State Auditor. Also, we established a separate regulatory division responsible for licensing and monitoring facilities housing juveniles, established a new partnership with Auburn University and the University of Alabama to create a model juvenile sex offender treatment program, and fully implemented our plan to add residential beds and other programs utilizing Children First program funds. We are particularly proud of the numerous partnerships we have established with local agencies and educational institutions to develop programs that will divert less serious offenders from state custody.

While we continue to have growing physical plant, program and staffing needs, we have made every effort to do our best with the resources made available to us and we remain keenly aware of the serious financial situation facing our state. In these difficult times the support and encouragement of your administration is greatly appreciated, as is the continuing support of the Legislature, our Board, members of our advisory committees, our departmental staff, and the numerous volunteers who give so freely of their time.

We look forward to continuing successes in our programs and activities in the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Walter Wood, Jr.
Executive Director

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Report of the Board

At the first quarterly meeting on December 6, 2003, Mr. Roy P. (Pat) Vice was elected Chairman of the Youth Services Board. Mr. Vice, a Board member since 1996, had recently been re-appointed by the Governor to another six-year term.



Mr. Pat Vice

Prior to his election as Board Chairman, he served as Chair of the Youth Services Land Committee.

Mr. Vice represents the Seventh Congressional District and is the Mayor of Linden, Alabama.

Also at the December meeting, Dr. Eddie Johnson was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Youth Services Board. Dr. Johnson has represented the State Superintendent of Education on the Youth Services Board since 1989.

Until his election as Vice-Chairman, Dr. Johnson served as Secretary to the Youth Services Board.



Dr. Eddie Johnson

Mr. Charles Smith, representing the Third Congressional District, was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Youth Services Board.



Mr. Charles Smith

Chairman Vice announced the appointment of committee members following the election of officers. He appointed Ms. Barbara Brown, Mr. James Quinn, Representative Mac Gipson, Mr. Red Turnipseed, and Representative Thad McClammy to the Land Committee. Chairman Vice then appointed Mr. Willie Jones, Mr. Charles Smith, Representative Mac Gipson, Judge William Ryan, and Ms. Kathy Vincent to the Budget and Finance Committee. Finally, he appointed Ms. Frankye Underwood, Dr. Eddie Johnson, Mr. John Houston, Mr. Red Turnipseed, and Mr. Richard Lee to the Education Committee. Following his appointments, the Board unanimously approved the committee appointees as presented.

After the selection of committee members, the Executive Director presented his report to the Board. He discussed the previous request by Alabama Power Company for a right of way across our property for the purpose of constructing a power line to serve SIMCALA, an industrial customer located on Ohio Ferro Road. He explained that the Board had previously given him the authority to have the property appraised and to negotiate a sales price. Mr. Wood explained that the appraisal had been higher than anticipated and that the property had been sold at the appraised value.



Transmission Line Construction

Mr. Wood then updated the Board on the "Our Kids" initiative. He provided the Board members with a list of projects undertaken by that program.



Our Kids Project

The Director asked Mr. Robert Matthews the Administrator of the Licensing and Standards Division to report to the Board. Mr. Matthews explained that the division was in the process of developing a policy and procedure manual for licensing. He also reported that during the first quarter of the fiscal year that they had considered 35 programs and licensed 27. In total, they have licensed over 100 programs.

Mr. Wood then asked Ms. Marcia Calender to discuss accreditation. Ms. Calender explained that the American Correctional Association is the oldest and most prestigious correctional organization in the United States. This organization has developed effective standards for the care, custody, training and treatment of offenders in all age groups. She then explained that the standards address the training of staff, issues of sanitation and safety, due process and discipline, and education. Additionally, the standards are revised annually to keep pace with the evolution of correctional practices, case law and careful examination of life experiences that are occurring in the institutional correctional setting.

Ms. Calender further explained that the Department's five group homes and two boot camps have all been



Mobile Group Home

accredited by the American Correctional Association. She also explained that the agency has begun working on re-accreditation for the Thomasville and Autauga facilities, as well as Vacca, Chalkville, and Mt. Meigs.

During the second quarter of the 2003 fiscal year, the State Auditor's Office conducted a property audit of all DYS personal property valued at \$500.00 or more. There were 1,355 items meeting this criterion, all located by the auditors. The State Auditor, Beth Chapman, congratulated the agency and Mr. Art Pennington, its property manager, on this achievement.

At the March 28, 2003 meeting, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution to recognize and honor Art Pennington for the extraordinary accomplishment of an absolutely perfect audit for the first time in DYS history.

At the same meeting, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution honoring the agency's employees who had been called to active duty as a result of the deadly conflict in Iraq. Recognized by the resolution were Larry Arrington, Quentin Collins, Ronald Cranage, Velvet Davis, Felix Gordon,

Calvin King, Charles Stanberry, and Gloria Thomas.

Two new Board members were acknowledged at the March meeting. They were Senators Quinton Ross and Bradley Byrne.

Senator Ross is serving his first term in the Alabama Senate and represents the Twenty-sixth District. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Alabama State University, and is currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law at the same university.

Senator Ross, a former high school principal, is currently an Educational Specialist for the Adult Education Consortium of H. Trenholm State Technical College.

He is also a member of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Senator Quinton Ross

Senator Bradley Byrne is also serving his first term in the Alabama Senate. He represents the Thirty-second District.



Senator Bradley Byrne

Senator Byrne graduated magna cum laude from Duke University and received his juris doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law. Senator Byrne also served on the State Board of Education from 1994 until 2002, and is currently a practicing attorney in Mobile, Alabama.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have four children, Patrick, Kathleen, Laura, and Colin.

Senator Byrne is a member of the Episcopal Church, a member of Leadership Alabama, and a lifetime member of Alabama PTA.

At the same meeting, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution commending and honoring Judge John Ferrell Butler. Judge Butler helped plan and organize local programs with the assistance of DYS, Mobile County, Boys and Girls Clubs, and others. These programs, which included GROWTH, POINTE, Camp Martin, and Network Aftercare, were responsible for substantial reductions in commitments to DYS.

In the third quarter of the fiscal year, Representative Thad McClammy

retired from his position as a Board member. Representative McClammy had aided the Board on numerous occasions with complex real estate issues. As a result of this diligence, the Board adopted a Resolution recognizing his service.



Representative Thad McClammy

The June 2003 Board meeting was also the last for Board member Red Turnipseed. Mr. Turnipseed, Chief Probation Officer of Chilton County, was selected by the Juvenile Probation Officers Association to be its representative. He had served on the Board for six years. He, too, was honored for his service through a Board Resolution. He was recognized for his invaluable contributions to both the Education Subcommittee and the Land Use Subcommittee.

The Speaker of the House appointed Representative Locy "Sonny" Baker as Representative McClammy's replacement. Representative Baker

was elected to the House in 1994, and represents the Eighty-fifth District. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Alabama State University, as well as an A. A. certification.

He and his wife, Idena, have three children, Paul, Brandon, and Corey.



Representative Locy Baker

Representative Baker is a Deacon for Mary Magdalene Baptist Church, a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Free and Accepted Masonry, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Alabama Education Association.

The Chief Probation Officer's Association selected Mr. Tom Wright, Chief Probation Officer for Calhoun County, as their representative on the Board. Mr. Wright has been a probation officer for Calhoun County for fifteen years, and a chief probation officer since 1995.



Chief Probation Officer Tom Wright

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Good news arrived in the latter part of the fourth quarter of the fiscal year when the Department learned that it was to receive level funding for the 2004 fiscal year. The Department had expected drastic cuts in funding; however, recognizing the critical functions of Departmental operations, the Finance director and staff of both the Legislative Fiscal Office and Executive Budget Office recommended virtual level appropriations for funds used to support the Department.

As the Department neared the end of the year, it began expanding its partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Mobile. Additional recreational activities were being planned for the next fiscal year. This helped everyone end the year with positive expectations.

Featured Program

Writing our Stories

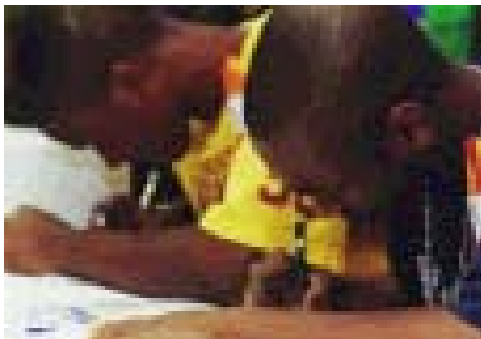
The "Writing Our Stories" program is a cooperative arrangement between the Alabama Writers' Forum and the Alabama Department of Youth Services. Funding for the project, which includes nine months of instruction, as well as in-service training and anthology editing, is provided by the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA), and, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

ASCA and NEA funds provide the opportunity for writers to visit all three campuses as part of the "Alabama Voices" writers-in-communities program, which is jointly sponsored by the Auburn University Center for the Arts and Humanities and the Alabama Writers' Forum.

Work on the first anthology, Open the Door, began in October 1997. One class was offered at Mt. Meigs and was filled to capacity. The boys first read poetry and fiction written by famous authors. Using these works as models, the students then began writing their own poetry and short stories.

Each student who remained in the program and participated fully had at least one poem or story published. Some of the more prolific students had several works published.

In the fall of 1998, a publication party was held on campus for the public. Each student had the opportunity to read his published work aloud, and autograph copies of the anthology.



PUBLICATION PARTY

The creative writing program was so successful at Mt. Meigs that a second program began in the Fall of 1998. This time, two classes were offered at Mt. Meigs and, at the same time, a class was begun for the girls at Chalkville.

In the fall of 1999, two different anthologies were published. Open the Door II was published at Mt. Meigs, while Let Me Talk to You was published at Chalkville. Publication parties were held at both campuses.

Due to the success of the programs at Mt. Meigs and Chalkville, another program was started in the fall of 1999 at Vacca. It mirrors the programs at Mt. Meigs and Chalkville and gives younger boys the opportunity to express their creativity.



Other more recent publications include, Open the Door III, Look into My Soul, Lock Down, Voices from the Concrete Box, Never Look Back, and Open the Door IV.

Some of the benefits of the program include an increase in self-esteem, an improvement in thinking, language and writing skills and an increased ability to see a project through from beginning to end. There is also therapeutic value in being able to express emotions such as fear, anger and depression.

Recently, the Alabama Writers' Forum, Inc. and the Department of Youth Services developed "Writing our Stories: An Anti-Violence Creative Writing Program Curriculum Guide." The funding for research and development of the guide was provided by the Children's Trust Fund. A portion of the guide is available on line.

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DYS Land Holdings

Facility	County	Acreage
Autauga Campus	Autauga	63.07 [±] (1)
Birmingham Lots	Jefferson	.36 [±] (2)
Chalkville Campus	Jefferson	575.16 [±] (3)
Jemison Group Home	Chilton	38.46 [±] (1)
Colbert County Lots	Colbert	8.10 [±] (2)
Montgomery Group Home	Montgomery	6.17 [±] (1)
Mount Meigs Complex	Montgomery	774.16 [±] (4)(5)(6)
Troy Group Home	Pike	1.04 [±] (1)
Vacca Campus	Jefferson	178.06 [±] (2)
TOTAL ACREAGE		1,644.58[±]

- (1) 1991 Survey by Robert Meadows, Alabama Department of Conservation
- (2) 1998 Report of the Alabama Department of Conservation
- (3) 1997 Survey by Sain & Associates and Robert Meadows
- (4) 1997 Survey by Larry Speaks
- (5) 2002 Land sale to DOT
- (6) 2003 Land sale to Alabama Power Company



ADELE GOODWYN MCNEEL SCHOOL ON VACCA CAMPUS

Private Providers

J &M Manor
Lee County

The Bridge- Steps A & D Program
Mobile County

Alabama Youth Homes (Westover)
Shelby County

The Bridge- Boys' Group Home
Etowah County

Alabama Youth Homes (Wetumpka)
Elmore County

The Bridge- Girls' Group Home
Morgan County

Big Brother's Home Away From Home
Houston County

The Bridge- Wilderness Program
Etowah County

Oak Mountain Youth Services
Shelby County

The Bridge- Reach A & D Program
Etowah County

Operation: New Hope
Montgomery County

The Bridge – About Face Wilderness
Etowah County

West Alabama Youth Services
Hale County

Three Springs-Madison
Madison County

Lee County Youth Development
Lee County

Three Springs-Tuskegee
Macon County

Laurel Oaks Behavioral Center
Houston County

Three Springs Choices, Girls
Madison County

The Bridge – Camp Cobia
Mobile County

Three Springs Choices, Boys
Madison County

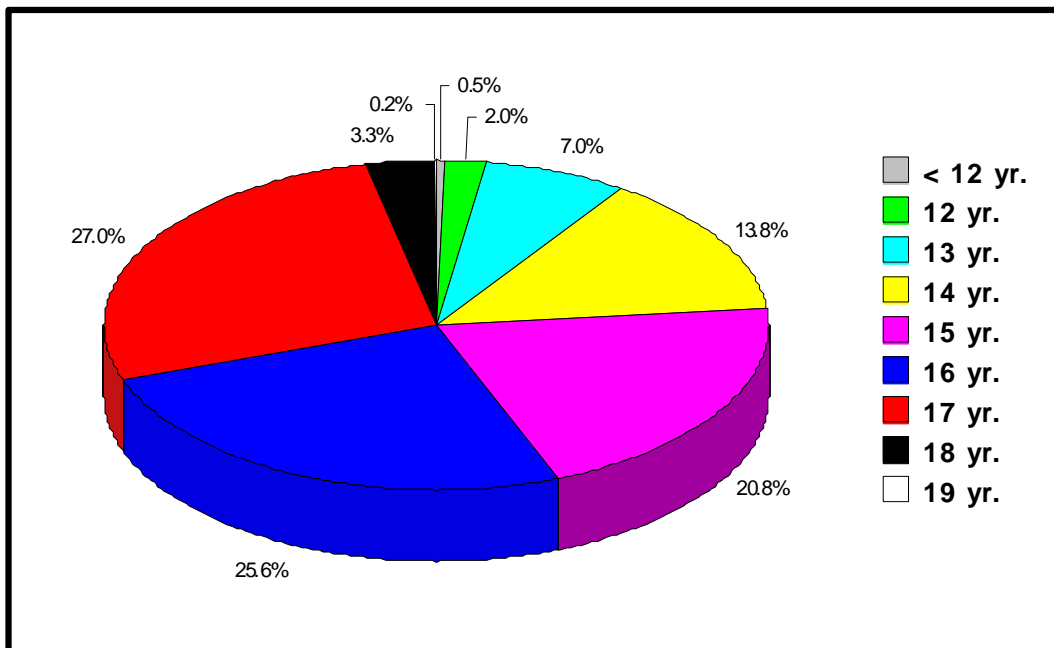
The Bridge – Eufaula Campus
Barbour County

Youth by Age

Admissions to all Facilities in FY 2003

PERCENT BY AGE

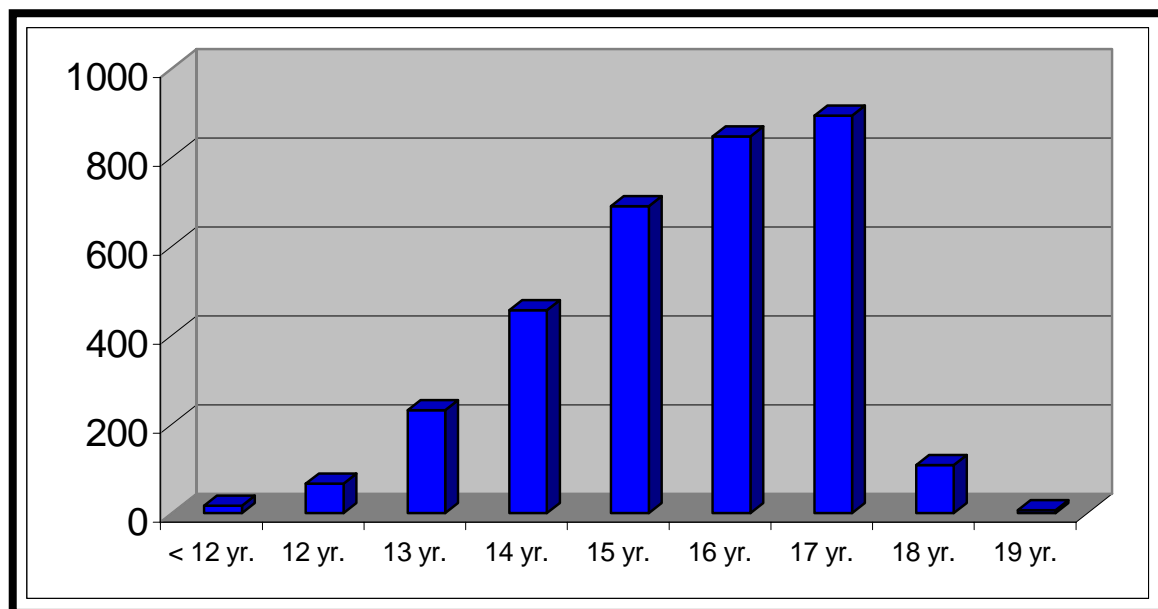
under 12	16	0.48%
12 yrs old	66	1.99%
13 yrs old	231	6.97%
14 yrs old	456	13.76%
15 yrs old	690	20.82%
16 yrs old	847	25.56%
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Youth by Age

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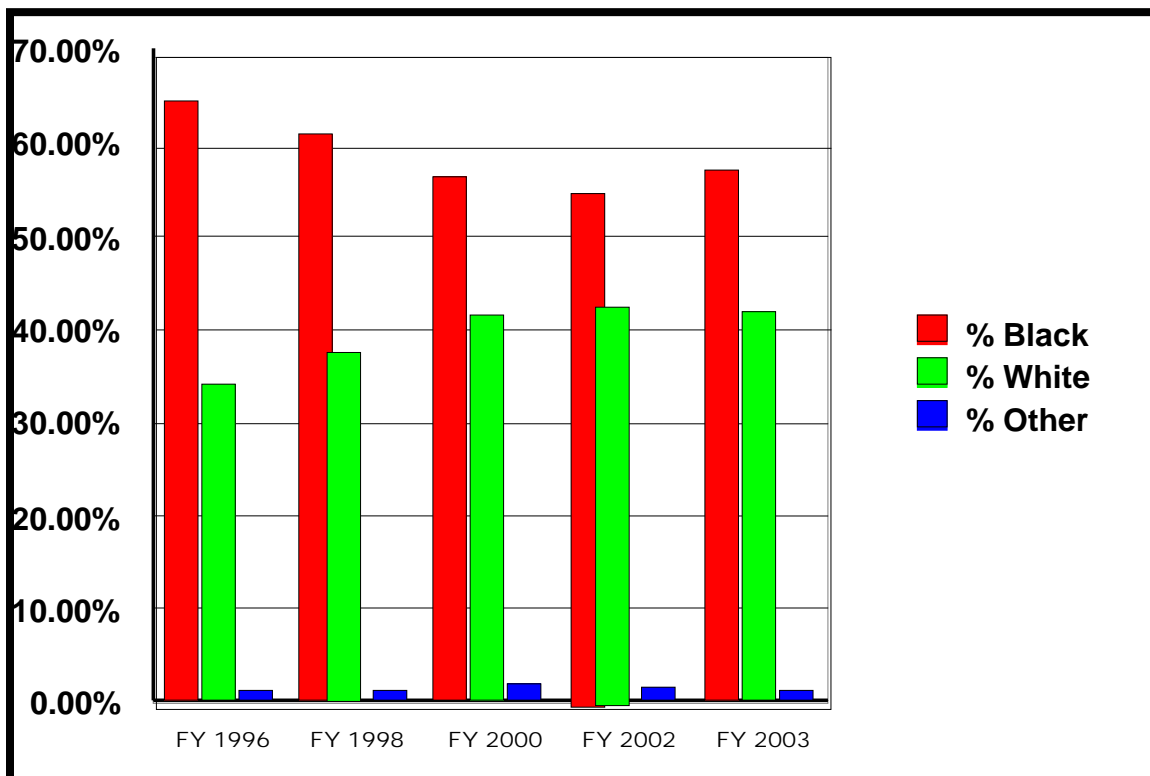
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Youth by Race

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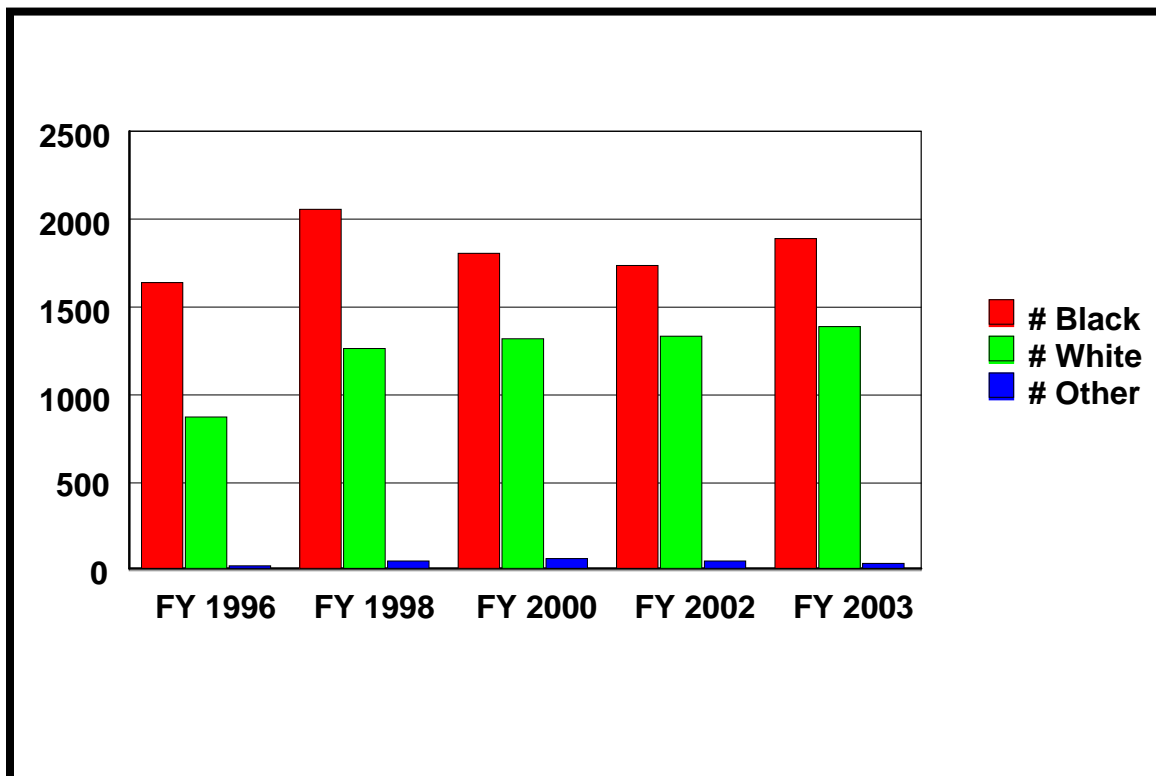
	FY 1996	FY 1998	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2003
BLACK	64.69%	61.07%	56.53%	55.47%	57.03%
WHITE	34.24%	37.59%	41.50%	42.87%	41.73%
OTHER	1.07%	1.33%	1.97%	1.66%	1.24%



Youth by Race

NUMBER BY RACE

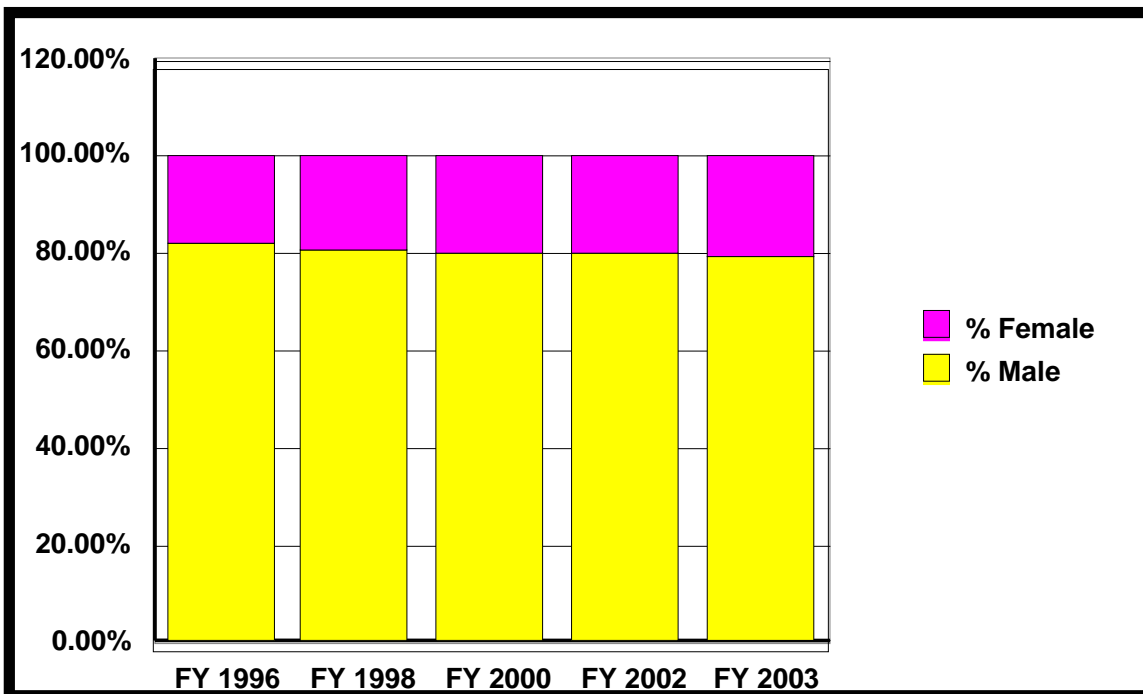
	FY 1996	FY 1998	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2003
BLACK	1638	2060	1806	1734	1890
WHITE	867	1268	1326	1340	1383
OTHER	27	45	63	52	41



Youth by Sex

PERCENT BY SEX

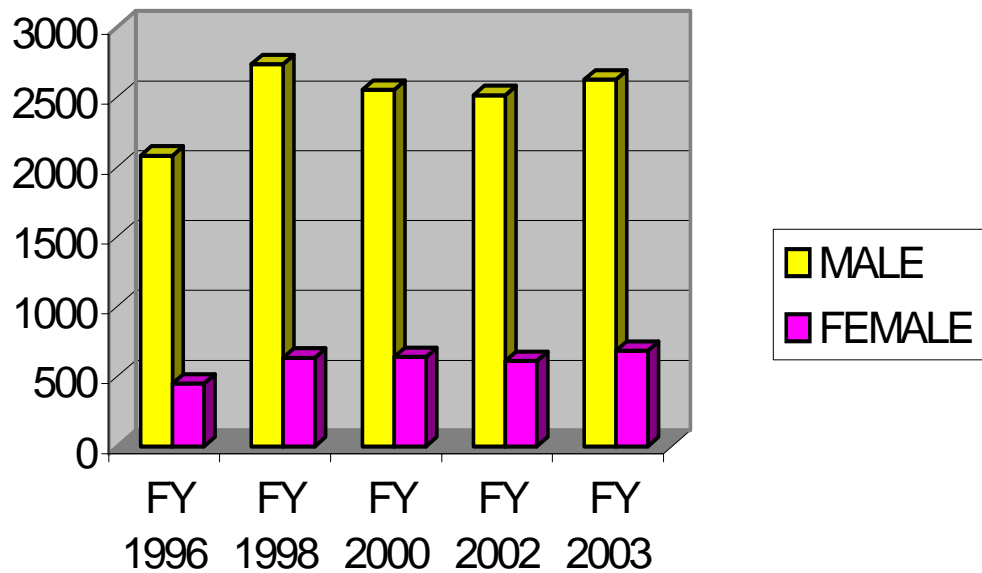
FY 1996	FY 1998	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2003
82.23%	81.14%	79.94%	80.45%	79.30%
17.77%	18.86%	20.06%	19.55%	20.70%



Youth by Sex

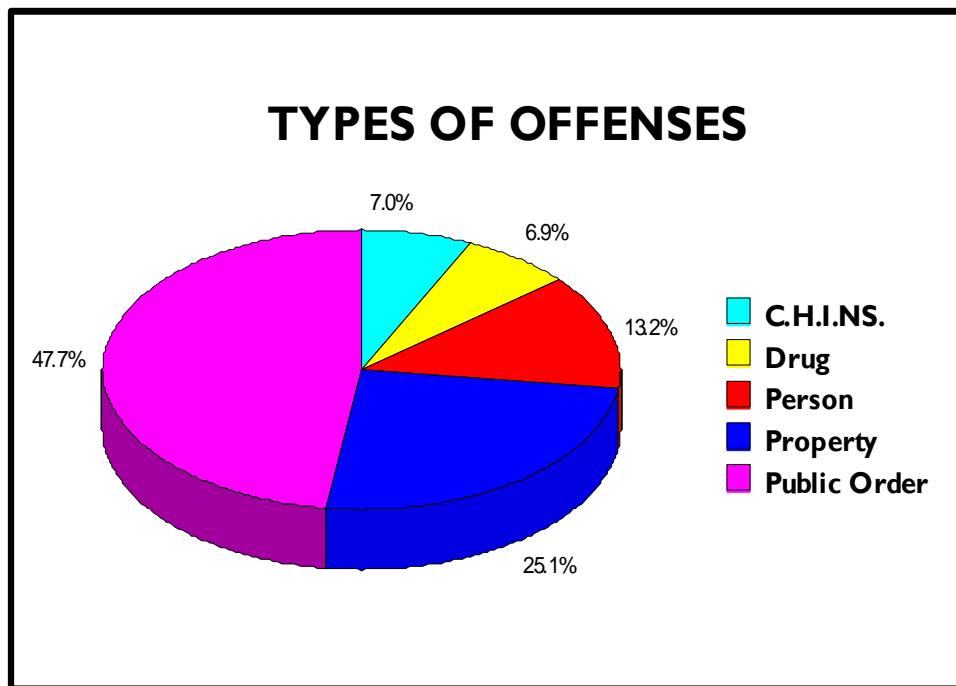
NUMBER BY SEX

	FY 1996	FY 1998	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2003
MALE	2082	2737	2554	2515	2628
FEMALE	450	636	641	611	686



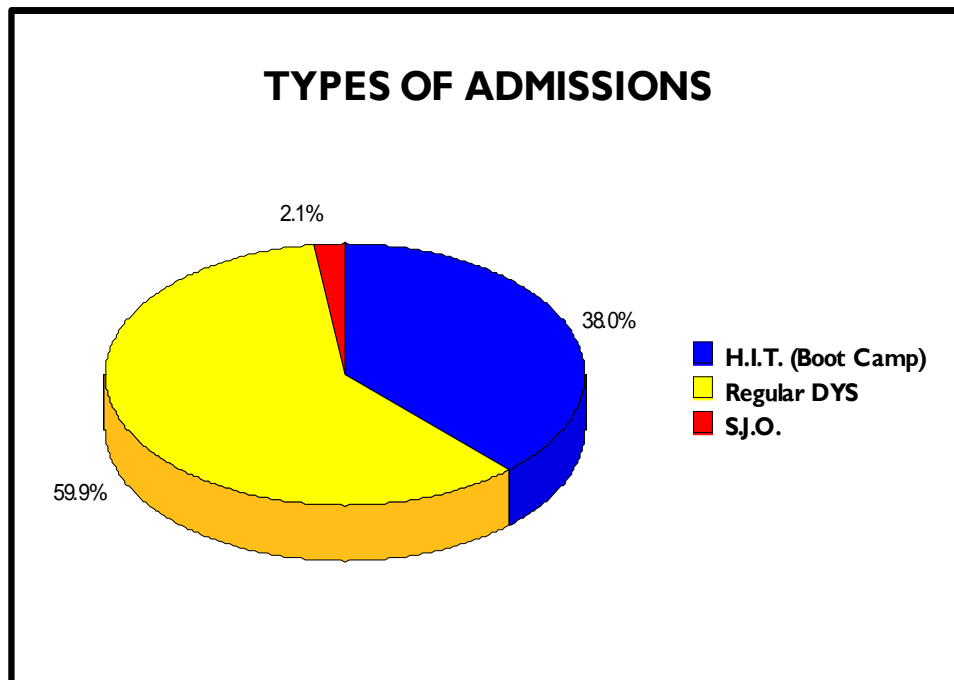
Types of Offenses

	FY 2003	FY 2003
C.H.I.N.S.	210	6.97%
DRUG	209	6.94%
PERSON	399	13.25%
PROPERTY	757	25.13%
PUBLIC ORDER	1437	47.71%



Types of Admissions

	FY 2003	FY 2003
High IntensiveTreatment	1,259	37.99%
Regular DYS Commitment	1,984	59.87%
Serious Juvenile Offender	71	2.14%



Youth Services Financial Statement

	Fiscal Year 1999	Fiscal Year 2000	Fiscal Year 2001	Fiscal Year 2002	Fiscal Year 2003
REVENUES					
General Fund	23,528,108	22,663,151	16,405,629	16,655,629	17,105,629
Children First Trust Fund		1,250,000	3,310,908	6,265,069	8,747,878
AI Special Education Trust Fund	45,657,319	48,592,174	48,437,036	48,593,170	44,365,131
Special Revenue	3,237,620	3,753,445	4,987,930	2,752,567	5,233,611
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	72,423,047	76,258,770	73,141,503	74,266,435	75,452,249
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Costs	20,959,109	20,866,365	21,569,083	21,849,992	22,615,485
Employee Benefits	5,080,827	5,795,538	6,271,126	6,538,571	6,819,110
Travel In-State	330,715	264,794	213,009	241,861	282,816
Travel Out-of-State	24,079	22,808	26,557	16,180	14,943
Repairs and Maintenance	764,170	337,668	1,275,879	236,320	512,823
Rentals and Leases	227,077	191,481	124,251	175,044	196,400
Utilities and Communications	1,237,446	1,335,458	1,508,289	1,446,718	1,558,457
Professional Services	19,063,210	16,389,446	17,555,924	20,392,604	25,396,178
Operating Expenses	1,366,802	1,336,179	1,207,718	1,415,844	1,828,952
Transportation Equip Operations	105,738	116,516	117,015	93,740	129,698
Grants and Benefits	21,874,948	22,951,567	18,944,690	19,313,296	9,664,049
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	613,668
Transportation Equip Purchases	24,900	208,802	81,013	67,326	54,775
Other Equipment Purchases	94,396	124,322	101,983	153,635	326,244
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	71,153,417	69,940,944	68,996,537	71,941,131	70,013,598
LESS SPECIAL REVENUE	12,448	2,472,303	3,457,107	1,553,063	3,891,876
CARRIED OVER					
UNALLOCATED APPROPRIATION					1,185,507
LESS REVERSIONS	1,257,182	3,845,522	687,859	772,241	361,268
BALANCE UNENCUMBERED	-	-	-	-	-

School District Financial Statement

	Fiscal Year 1999	Fiscal Year 2000	Fiscal Year 2001	Fiscal Year 2002	Fiscal Year 2003
REVENUES					
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
AI Special Education Trust Fund	6,043,582	6,803,120	6,737,490	6,538,548	6,648,596
Special Revenue	492,238	460,699	396,083	657,878	603,311
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	6,535,820	7,263,819	7,133,573	7,196,426	7,251,907
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Costs	4,418,070	4,294,120	4,669,910	4,579,644	4,669,391
Employee Benefits	860,877	981,331	1,095,005	1,110,202	1,119,352
Travel In-State	27,759	17,643	11,364	26,273	17,802
Travel Out-of-State	-	4,869	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	2,299	5,275	1,360	713	557
Rentals and Leases	34,144	23,563	17,456	15,275	14,895
Utilities and Communications	14,071	1,959	13,654	16,507	54,048
Professional Services	248,392	601,657	494,832	495,890	458,020
Operating Expenses	163,384	166,080	109,206	255,730	261,735
Transportation Equip Operations	4,228	2,004	3,275	2,219	3,027
Grants and Benefits	400,000	450,000	398,650	398,650	398,650
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation Equip Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment Purchases	6,694	62,749	65,978	66,149	88,309
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,179,918	6,611,250	6,880,690	6,967,252	7,085,786
LESS SPECIAL REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
CARRIED OVER					
UNALLOCATED APPROPRIATION					74,632
LESS REVERSIONS	355,902	652,569	252,883	229,174	91,489
BALANCE UNENCUMBERED	-	-	-	-	-

Mission Statement

The mission of the Alabama Department of Youth Services is to enhance public safety by holding juvenile offenders accountable through the use of institutional, educational, and community services that balance the rights and needs of the victims, communities, courts, and offenders.

Goals

Provide juvenile justice services within the framework of professional juvenile justice standards, legislative intent, and available resources.

Hold juveniles accountable and responsible for their actions and teach them the consequences of their behavior.

Provide juvenile offenders opportunities to change behaviors based on an assessment of individual needs.

Place all juvenile offenders in a clean and safe environment that promotes dignity, responsibility, self-esteem, respect, and a positive educational experience.

Promote the efficient use of resources by providing the least restrictive environment for the juvenile while protecting the community.

Forge partnerships within the juvenile justice system, the community, and the public and private sector.

Promote public trust and confidence through the efficient stewardship of public funds.

Require employees at all levels to be positive role models for juveniles.

Support continuing staff professionalism through the provision of training opportunities.

Directory

Executive Director - J. Walter Wood, Jr.

Executive Assistant to the Director - Jan Grant

Legal Counsel - William J. Samford, II

Community Services Division- Anita Boswell, Adm.

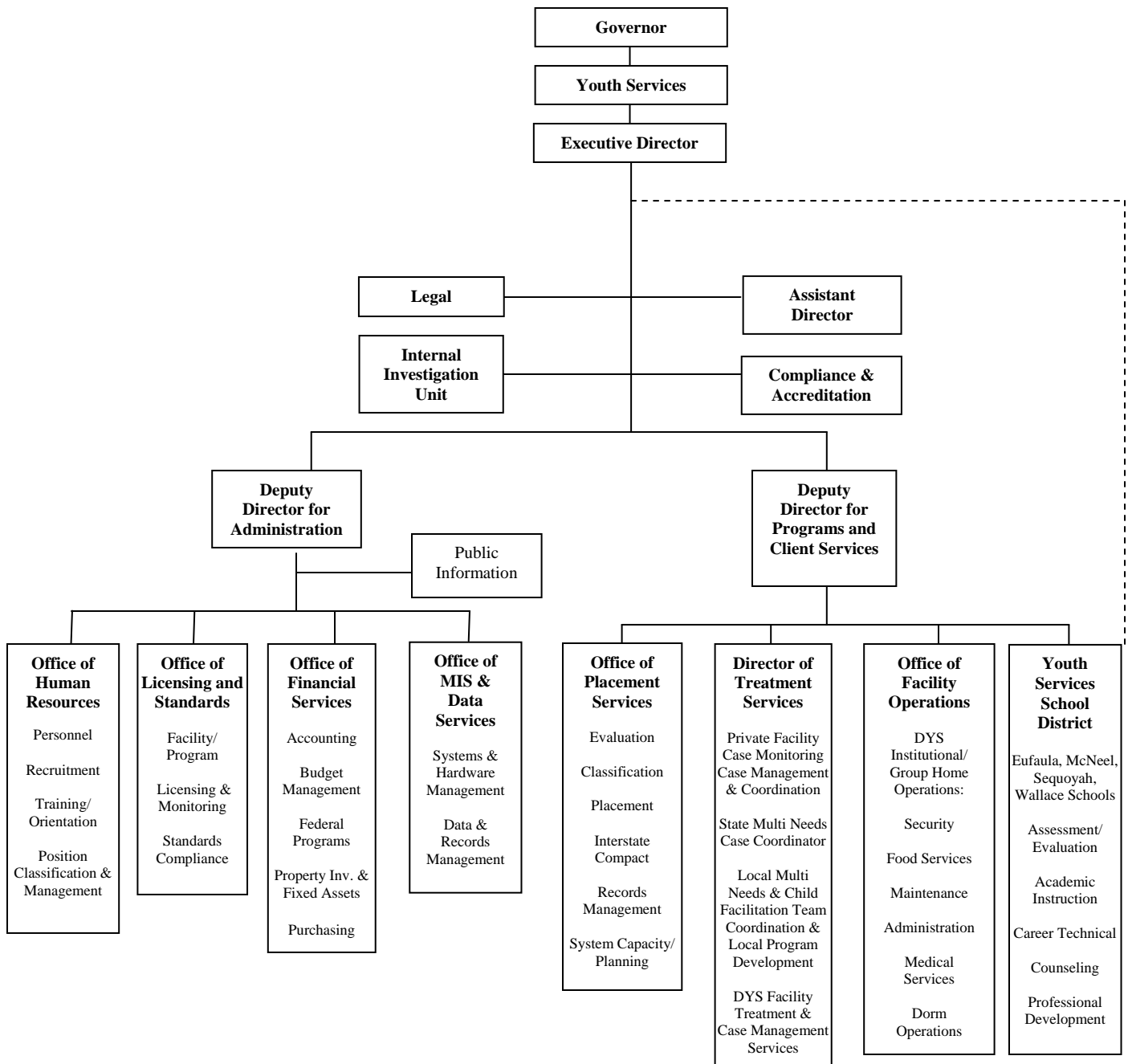
Institutional Services Division - G. Wayne Booker, Adm.

Support Operations Division - Allen L. Peaton, Adm.

Superintendent of Education - John C. Stewart, Ed. D.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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